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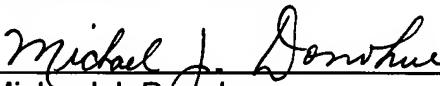
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Restriction dated March 24, 2005, the applicant elects Group I, comprising claims 1-32 and 39-44. This election is made without traverse, but without prejudice to future filing of a divisional application for the non-elected claims.

The applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention an Office Action on the merits. Based on a telephone conference with the Examiner on March 13, 2004, it appears that the Office Action on the merits was related to another application and was inadvertently mailed due to clerical errors in the serial numbers. The applicants wish to confirm with the Examiner that no Office Action on the merits of the case has been issued.

Respectfully submitted,
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